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MISSOULA--

Baylor University head football coach, Grant Teaff (pronounced Taf, like laugh), will be the keynote speaker at the 22nd annual Ray Rocene-Sportsman of the Year Banquet set for Monday, May 15 at the Club Chateau. The dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by Teaff's presentation and the awards ceremony. The banquet is sponsored each year by the Missoula Mavericks sports booster group.

Teaff, beginning his seventh season with Baylor University, is one of the most popular sports banquet speakers in the nation, well known for his motivating, "message" speeches.

The highlight of Teaff's coaching career came in 1974 when his team won the Southwest Conference title. Teaff was named national and conference coach of the year for his efforts. It was Baylor's first title in 50 years.

Baylor had been a perennial loser in football, playing many of the top teams in the country. Then in 1972, Teaff took over and turned the program around. In three seasons prior to Teaff's arrival, Baylor had won just three of 31 games. Since Teaff's arrival, Baylor has posted a 30-33-3 record.

Teaff coached at Angelo State University before coaching at Baylor. There, he turned a non-winner into a three-time nationally ranked team.

In 1966 he was hired as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Texas Tech and brought in numerous players who represented the Red Raiders in bowl game appearances. He began his college coaching career at his alma matter, McMurray College, twenty years ago.

The 40-year-old coach travels coast to coast as one of the nation's most sought after speakers. He is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, having been elected as a national trustee last year.

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In 1975, the Texas Baptist Convention made history by electing Teaff as a vice-president, one of the few times a layman has been so honored.

Teaff was an outstanding athlete at Snyder High School, being awarded the Carl Herod Trophy as the top athlete his senior year. He played two years of junior college football at San Angelo College, then was an all-Texas Conference linebacker-offensive tackle at McMurray. Upon graduation in 1956, he was assistant coach at Tom Lubbock High in Lubbock, Texas one season, then returned to his alma-matter, McMurray, as assistant football coach and head track coach.

Teaff and his wife, Donnell, have three daughters, Tammy 20, Tracy 17 and Layne 11.

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